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THE LORD'S PRAYER

The following questions and answers come from the General Assembly Mission Council Catechism web page at <http://gamc.pcusa.org/catechism/all/>.



QUESTION 120. WHAT IS PRAYER?

PRAYER MEANS CALLING UPON GOD WHOSE SPIRIT IS ALWAYS PRESENT WITH US. IN PRAYER WE APPROACH GOD WITH REVERENCE, CONFIDENCE AND HUMILITY. PRAYER INVOLVES BOTH ADDRESSING GOD IN PRAISE, CONFESSION, THANKSGIVING, AND SUPPLICATION, AND LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD WITHIN OUR HEARTS. WHEN WE ADORE GOD, WE ARE FILLED WITH WONDER, LOVE AND PRAISE BEFORE GOD'S HEAVENLY GLORY, NOT LEAST WHEN WE FIND IT HIDDEN IN THE CROSS OF GOLGOTHA. WHEN CONFESSING OUR GUILT TO GOD, WE ASK FOR FORGIVENESS WITH HUMBLE AND SORRY HEARTS, REMEMBERING THAT GOD IS GRACIOUS AS WELL AS HOLY. WHEN GIVING THANKS TO GOD, WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S GREAT GOODNESS, REJOICING IN GOD FOR ALL THAT IS SO WONDERFULLY PROVIDED FOR US. FINALLY, WHEN CALLING UPON GOD TO HEAR OUR REQUESTS, WE AFFIRM THAT GOD DRAWS NEAR IN EVERY NEED AND SORROW OF LIFE, AND ASK GOD TO DO SO AGAIN.

PS. 48:1 "GREAT IS THE LORD AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED."

PS. 96:8-9 "ASCRIBE TO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE HIS NAME; BRING AN OFFERING, AND COME INTO HIS COURTS. WORSHIP THE LORD IN HOLY SPLENDOR; TREMBLE BEFORE HIM, ALL THE EARTH."

JAMES 5:16 "THEREFORE CONFESS YOUR SINS TO ONE ANOTHER, AND PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, SO THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED. THE PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE."

1 JOHN 1:9 "IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE WHO IS FAITHFUL AND JUST WILL FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS."

PS. 107:8 "LET THEM THANK THE LORD FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE, FOR HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TO HUMANKIND."

PS. 75:1 "WE GIVE THANKS TO YOU, O GOD; WE GIVE THANKS; YOUR NAME IS NEAR. PEOPLE TELL OF YOUR WONDROUS DEEDS."

PS. 50:15 "CALL ON ME IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE; I WILL DELIVER YOU, AND YOU SHALL GLORIFY ME."

PS. 145:18 "THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM, TO ALL WHO CALL ON HIM IN TRUTH."

EPH. 6:18 "PRAY IN THE SPIRIT AT ALL TIMES IN EVERY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION. TO THAT END KEEP ALERT AND ALWAYS PERSEVERE IN SUPPLICATION FOR ALL THE SAINTS."

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Newsletter Deadline
November 15

Vision Statement:
*Trusting in God's guidance,
ChristChurch Presbyterian
invites all to join us as we
Gather joyfully,
Grow spiritually and
Give passionately
in service to Christ,
each other and our
community.*

To the Church Triumphant

"Death is swallowed up in victory ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." -- 1 Cor. 15:54-57

Louella (Lou) Stone

Louella (Lou) Stone passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 surrounded by family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie. She is survived by her 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Miller Funeral Chapel. A more detailed obituary and condolences will be offered in the near future at www.millerfuneral.com

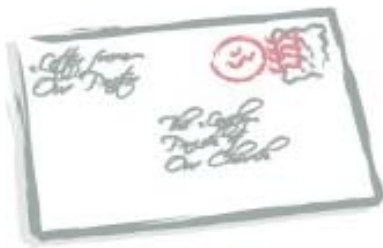
Giving Beyond!

Proverbs 14:31

"He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God."

The small things that are accomplished from another may be a tremendous act of giving for the next. We have prepared and given, on average, 120 sack lunches each month for those in need. Many Thanks to the members and numerous individuals who have donated or given their time to increase the move of this project.





John's Musings



Rev. John Hirling

On August 14 and September 11, several members of Session met with Mary Marcotte and David Coles to participate in a Future Story Project. We found it so enlightening that we thought you might want to participate as well and that your stories would be helpful to your elders as we move toward the future to which God calls us.

The Future Story Project is sort of a reverse visioning process. The process begins with hearing individual answers to four questions and physically responding to a number of statements about congregational life along a continuum. That information is collected and returned to the participants who are then invited to write a story about the church looking

back from five years in the future on what the church looks like and what was necessary to arrive at that future present. Make sense? Stated another way, visioning asks "Where would we like to be?" or "Where do we think God is calling us?" Future Story asks "Where are we?" and "What got us to where we are?" five years from now.

On October 30, we'll have our annual Harvest Luncheon and as part of our day, I'm hoping you will all participate in the Future Story Project. So you can be thinking about it, these are the four questions to which we'll be soliciting answers:

1. How has ChristChurch blessed you?
2. What do your neighbors know and say about ChristChurch? (This might include neighbors to the physical campus of ChristChurch, your residential neighbors, your work, and your social neighbors).

3. What do you think are some of the major challenges that ChristChurch will face in the next five years?

4. What do you think Christ yearns for CCP to do and be?

You might find it helpful to write out your answers after thought and prayer. We'll ask the continuum questions on the spot. It's not that they're less important. It simply adds a little spontaneity and even a little surprise to the process. We'll then collate all the answers and return them to you along with some guidance on How to Write a Future Story. We'll schedule a time for sharing those stories and also give you a collection of the stories shared.

I experience ChristChurch as an exciting place filled with dedicated and engaging people. Our understanding of God, God's will, and God's grace are beautiful and ever-so-close to what Christ taught. Put those two together and we

have so much to offer in furtherance of our call. How do get the word out? Or, as Future Story asks, "Looking back on the last five years in 2016, where are we and how did we get there?"

Grace & peace,

John

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

1 Corinthians 15.12:



Flower Dedications



The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and on behalf of Robin Akkerman.

Given By: Robin Akkerman

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Richard Carnell.

Given By: Bitsy Carnell

The Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our dear friend's husband, Jim Looney. Hazel, may God continue to love and bless you and your family following your monumental loss.

Given By: T. P. and Burnette Boyett

October Birthdays

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|----|----------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Sean Cooper | 20 | Marty Speer |
| 1 | Tim Hightower | 21 | Joseph Materie |
| 1 | Daniel Mayadas | 22 | DeEtte Spence |
| 2 | Wanda Lynch | 24 | Emma Seward |
| 7 | Margaret Taban | 25 | Claire Sparks |
| 8 | Remi Van Compernelle | 26 | Francies Oji |
| 9 | Henry Seward | 27 | Larry Carreker |
| 11 | Quincy Tchikou | 29 | Sam Kennedy |
| 13 | Doris Neville | 29 | Pam Stoops |
| 14 | Steve Materie | 30 | Danella Obou |
| 15 | Elizabeth Kent | 31 | Margaret Gale Rowe |
| 15 | Beryl Anne Lobe | | |
| 15 | Vera Snell | | |
| 15 | Jim Stoops | | |
| 18 | Josh Persely | | |
| 19 | Joani Hellings | | |
| 20 | Anne Barkley | | |



Giving

There are many ways to participate in giving at ChristChurch Presbyterian.

The Giving Committee is proud to announce projects for 2011. If you would like to give, participate in the committee or simply have questions, please contact Karen Persley at krp111154@sbcglobal.net.

October

1. Church Under the Bridge – Warm clothing, socks, under ware, jackets, blankets.
2. United Campus Ministries- Staples, like beans, rice, pasta.
3. Fall Harvest- October 30th- Details to be announced.

November

4. Star of Hope Mission- Warm clothing, adult and child, jackets, sweaters, blankets.
5. Cuba Water Trip- List of needed school items on the back table.

December

6. Adopt-A-Family- Details to be announced.

Gathering

Come Join Us!

- **October 1st - Presbytery Gathering at 7:30pm in the Gathering Space**
- **October 23rd- Kirking of the Tartans**
- **October 30th- Harvest Lunch at 11:30am**



FOCUS will be held at St.Philip Presbyterian from 10am to 3pm on October 1st. FOCUS will include an evening Coffee House Concert featuring Ed Kilbourne at Christ-Church at 7:30pm as well as a gathering for youth on the following day, Sunday October 2nd held at Pines Presbyterian.

2011 Session

ChristChurch Presbyterian

Class of 2011

John Becker, Amy Gremillion,
Priscilla Kennedy, Woody Speer,
Roger Tucker, Craig Wooten

Class of 2012

Homer Borgstedte, Sue Cox,
Brad Eaves, Aileen Fleming, Karen
Persely

Class of 2013

Richard Bell, Mylene Bole, Fred
Cook, Anne Reed, Gretchen Sparks
Youth Elders: Matthew Bole,
Lubna Obou

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Christian Education

Pre-school to High School Sunday School

Pre-school to 5th Grade

Where: Education Bldg. Room 205

Middle School

Where: Education Bldg. Room 222

High School

Where: Education Bldg. Room 211

Adult Sunday School

Wired Word

Where: Library

When: Every Sunday at 9am

Teacher: Fred Cook

Women's Bible Study.

Where: West Wing, Room 5

When: Every Sunday at 9am

Teacher: Burnette Boyett

Mental Gymnastics

The Voice New Testament and annotated Bible

Where: West Wing, Room 1

When: Every Sunday at 9am

Teacher: Homer Borgstedte

Adult Ministry



Wednesday Night Dinner

Join us each Wednesday evening for dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy an evening meal with your church family and friends.

Ladies' Book Club

The Ladies' Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Join us October 25th at the home of Becky Van Comperolle. We will discuss *First, Do No Harm* by Lisa Belkin. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Seward at lucyseward@msn.com or Mylene Bole at mbole@swbell.net.

Friday Night Bridge

Friday Night Bridge is back. Join us Friday, October 21st 7:00pm at the home of Amy Gremillion/Coby Scher. Contact Sue for more information.

TGIF

The adults meet on the first Friday for fellowship and refreshment. We will meet at the home of Bob and Anne Reed along with Co-host, Bill and Gretchen Sparks on October 7th at 7pm.

Better Bunch

Sign up forms will be in the Gathering Space or contact Barbara Buckley at 281.498.0483 or wtbuckley@juno.com.

If you have somewhere you would like to go/do/see or to eat, please let Barbara Buckley know.

Men's Breakfast

The men will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Sat., October 8th at 8am for breakfast.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
8:00 AM—2:00 PM

ChristChurch Presbyterian Fellowship Hall
5001 Bellaire Blvd
(Corner of Bellaire and S. Rice)
713-667-6574

Trash and Treasures including:

Books
Electronics
Children's Clothing
Furniture
Pictures
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Toys and Games
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